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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

FIGS. 8A and 8B are is a schematic diagram showing one example of a spacing amount association table used in "basic settings."

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

FIGS. 10A and 10B are is a schematic drawing showing one example of a spacing amount setting table stored in a spacing amount setting file.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 3 shows a part 20 of a screen display of the display device 3 or CRT 13 during DTP processing in the DTP system 1 or 10 shown in FIG. 1 or FIG. 2. Specifically, FIG. 3 shows a situation in which "new" was selected in a pulldown menu obtained by clicking on "file (F)" 24 on the menu bar, a new electronic document having a page layout grid 21 was opened, a text tool 22a was selected in a tool box 22, a frame 23 for text alignment was demarcated and text including of a multiple characters was input in the frame 23. In the example shown in FIG. 3, the text input into the frame 23 has been arranged in a plurality of lines and each character in each line has been arranged based on a spacing amount between a character and the start of the line or the end of the line, or between pairs of adjacent characters with a spacing that is preset for the start of the line, end of the line, and inside the line, respectively. If two characters are disposed adjacent to each other in the same line, the spacing amount set between them based on their character attributes is stored in advance in the spacing amount setting file 7b. Also, in practice, when multiple characters is are disposed in one line, those characters are disposed in the line based on the spacing amounts obtained from the spacing amount setting file 7b for those characters and the line composition control routine 7a appropriately adjusts the spacing amount

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by processing characters that cannot appear at the start of a line,[[,]] and the characters are suitably disposed in the line.